

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-22 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed combination including the combustion apparatus with a fuel and ignition source located downstream of a nitrogen oxide adsorbent in an exhaust system in combination with the other limitations is not disclosed nor rendered obvious over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffery Sanok on 06/01/2010.

The Application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2, Line 7, "the" is amended to --an --.

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Claim 15 Line 2, "combustion apparatus" is amended to --means--

Claim 22 Line 12, "deserting" is amended to be --desorbing--

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSE BOGUE whose telephone number is (571)270-1406. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Denion can be reached on 571-272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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